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18 FEB 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT :

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1. The Director, Imagery Analysis Service has requested in an 11 February memorandum to me that I consider assignment of [REDACTED] to NPIC. As I understand it, [REDACTED] has listed NPIC as his first choice in his Field Reassignment Questionnaire, there are no assignments available for [REDACTED] in IAS, and the Director, IAS, has urged [REDACTED] to consider retirement.

2. [REDACTED] has told me that he is reluctant to retire at this time, and that he would prefer to continue working until his programmed date for retirement in 1972. I sympathize with his reasons for not wanting to retire two years before he had planned to do so.

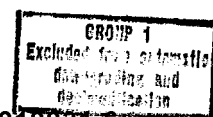
3. [REDACTED] has served the Agency for 15 years, and before that he served the U. S. Government in other positions for some 12 years. During his Agency service, [REDACTED] participated directly in the growth of the Agency's photo interpretation work from its beginning as a small unit in 1954 to the present large operation involving hundreds. He was the officer in charge of the predecessor to IAS. He was successfully promoted during his Agency service, being given his present grade of GS-16 in January 1964.

4. In view of [REDACTED] long years of useful service, the contributions he made during those years, and the position to which he rose, I think some way should be found to permit him to complete his full career service with the Agency.

5. With that consideration in mind, I have reviewed the NPIC situation. The Center is not in a position to accept a transfer of [REDACTED] to the NPIC Career Service. Nor can the Center afford to expend one of its staffing positions to accommodate [REDACTED]. In both cases, the price that the Center would pay -- in terms of the effect on promotion opportunities for others, as well as on recruiting and reassignment plans -- would be too high to accept at a time when the Center is striving to achieve, within a strict personnel limit, maximum capabilities to exploit a considerable and continuing increment of intelligence.

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6. This situation is unfortunate, because [REDACTED] experience and knowledge of some matters -- such as training in the field of photo interpretation -- could be used with some benefit in the Center. I should be pleased to make such use of [REDACTED] experience if it were possible to do so without handicap to the Center's staffing situation.

[REDACTED]

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